

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Restriction Requirement of 9 January 2007. The Applicants hereby elect for examination claims 1-16 drawn to a vacuum cleaner in response to the current Restriction Requirement. Applicants hereby withdraws claims 17-21 drawn to a filter from consideration in the present application. The Applicants, however, maintain their right to pursue patent protection for these filter claims in a divisional patent application. This election is made without traverse.

It is believed that the remaining pending claims 1-16 meet all the requirements for acceptance and it is believed this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the early issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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